

TRANSIT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Summary
Thursday May 12, 2016

PRESENT: Michael Warner, Charlotte
Joshua Niday, Charlotte
D. Evans, Charlotte
Daniel MacRae, Charlotte
Walter Horstman, Matthews
Terry Lansdell, Charlotte
Scott Jernigan, Charlotte
Louis Cosentine, Huntersville

STAFF: Wanda Braswell, Duretta Weicken, Larry Kopf, Pamela White, Brian Horton, Theron Barrino, Debra Franklin, Olaf Kinard

Meeting Time 4:00-5:30 PM

I. Call to Order and Approval of the April Meeting Summary

Chairman Mr. Michael Warner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., The April meeting summary was approved as written. Mr. Warner asked Mr. Kinard to demonstrate the new CATS App to committee members. The App will be implemented for CATS customer use in the near future.

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items:

There was no one from the public at the meeting to give comment.

III. Information Items

A. Silver Line Study

Mr. Jason Lawrence CATS Development Planner presented the committee with the LYNX Silver Line/Southeast Corridor Transit Study. The study intends to provide an interim bus transit strategy that utilizes the future managed lanes proposed on Independence Boulevard and to coordinate with land development strategies to protect

and preserve land for the selected rail corridor. More transit options (like rail), will help to better serve those who live and work throughout the southeast corridor. A designated rail alignment will improve the flow of traffic in an already congested corridor while connecting existing, emerging, and future activity centers. Additionally, Charlotte's population is growing at an exponential rate. Added transit services will accommodate the anticipated population growth.

After conducting an analysis of the study area and administering two phases of public outreach, The LYNX Silver Line study team defined four full *light-rail* alignment options. These four options were presented to the public at workshops throughout the corridor April 5-7, 2016.

In the coming months, the study team will use feedback from the public to determine a preferred rail alignment. CATS will present the findings to the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) who will advise CATS on what the next steps should be.

Mr. Lansdell asked what the future for transit to the airport is and if CRTPO will help. Mr. Lawrence stated as the 2030 plan is updated with the silver line we will continue to look at the west corridor and street car. We will ask MTC to approve the plan this summer and then we will go to CRTPO.

Mr. Jernigan asked where funding was for the Silver line. Mr. Lawrence stated the Silver Line has not identified funding for construction as yet but there are several funding opportunities to explore.

Mr. Cosentine asked when this plan will come to MTC. Mr. Lawrence stated in July staff will recommend to MTC and then MTC will approval or not approve usually the following month.

B. June Service Change

Ms. Pamela White CATS Planning and Special Operations Manager stated there were no major changes. However instead of the service change being in early June the service change will take place on June 27 because of the fare change. CATS will adjust the schedules for 53X and 54X. Because of ridership growth pertaining to the extension of 53X to Prosperity Church Road, one morning and one afternoon trip will be added to 53X. Riders have moved from 54X to 53X, and thus one morning and one afternoon trip will be removed from 54X. CATS staff held public meetings to discuss these changes with riders.

C. Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan

Brian Horton CATS Service Planning introduced the Coordinated Human services Public Transportation Plan. Mr. Horton reviewed the plan saying the plan focus was a unified, comprehensive strategy that defined transportation needs. Mr. Horton explained the FTA requirements of the 5310 programs that are derived from a locally developed coordinated plan that is updated every five years. Mr. Horton stated the presentation was being brought to TSAC as the committee will vote on the plan next month to recommend or not to recommend the plan to MTC.

Mr. Lansdell asked Mr. Horton who made the maps of the urbanized area for Charlotte. Mr. Horton stated that the maps are the Federal Census data.



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There were no questions about the presentation from the committee members.

IV. Service Issues

Mr. Niday stated the North Tryon route going North near the Walmart there is no bus stop even close to the Walmart. Mr. Kopf stated with the Blue Line Extension construction the stops had to be taken out until the line opens. CATS rerouted the 11K to go into Wal-Mart to provide access.

Mr. Lansdell asked that the construction be mindful of sidewalks. Mr. Kopf stated CATS tries to coordinate with the construction plans.

Mr. MacRae asked what the policy is on buses leaving the train stations as the Route 43 leaves too early for riders to catch the bus when getting off the train. Mr. Kopf stated CATS will look into that. Mr. MacRae stated the Route 16W schedule has been waiting an extra 10 minutes before continuing on the route. Mr. Kopf stated CATS will look into that schedule.

V. Chairman's Report

Mr. Warner TSAC Chairman reported on the April 25th MTC meeting saying the meeting was short but the same presentation TSAC had on the Fare structure was presented and Option 1 with an amendment to revisit the ten-ride pass discount at the next budget

cycle passed unanimously. There also was a discussion on rail trails. Mr. Warner stated he is in hopes that TSAC will have the rail trail presentation as well. Mr. Kopf stated he would try to get the presentation for TSAC in June.

VI. Manager of Operations Report

Mr. Kopf CATS Chief Operations Planning Officer reported that there were a group of CATS staff that went to Denver Colorado and looked at transit issues at the Union Station which has a transit mall and CATS will bring a presentation about that trip to TSAC probably in June. Mr. Kopf reminded the committee that Charlotte is hosting the APTA International Bus Rodeo & Conference and encouraged the committee members to come to the sessions being offered and explained that CATS will have a table at the convention center with host badges that TSAC members can use to attend.

Next TSAC MEETING: THURSDAY JUNE 9, 2016